

Site Address: **Thessaly, Roman Landing, West Wittering, Sussex, PO20 8AL**

Client Name: Melissa Baroukh

Reference: Site walkover to update bat surveys

Date: 21st March 2024

Background

Arbtech Consulting Ltd was instructed to undertake an ecological walkover to assess the current situation on site with a view to providing an assessment of the site to update previous survey work carried out by Arbtech in 2021.

The previous PRA concluded that the buildings had moderate habitat value, and subsequently one dusk emergence and one dawn re-entry survey was carried out in May 2021. The surveys recorded the presence of common pipistrelle bats in the garden and surrounding areas, but no bat roosts were identified. The surveys concluded a likely absence of roosting bats.

This report should be read in conjunction with the PEA/PRA and BERS reports (Arbtech 2021).

Survey Methodology

The survey was carried out by Natalie Evans Bat Licence 2018-37888-CLS-CLS Principal Consultant and Bat Licence lead, on 18th March 2024.

The building was inspected externally using binoculars, and the loft was inspected fully by torch. Evidence of bats was searched for and any suitable roosting features noted.

Survey results

The building appears to be in the same condition as it was in 2021, with suitable bat roosting features under roof tiles and eaves. Where reachable with a ladder these holes were inspected and no evidence of bat use was found.

The lofts were inspected and there was no evidence of bat activity. Loft 1 is mostly small crawl spaces around the eaves with two slightly larger more open areas. The roof is lined with bitumen felt with modern timber rafters. There is some sagging felt present. The small loft would not generally be considered suitable for void dwelling bats due to a lack of flight space. Heavy cobwebs throughout provide further indication that bats are absent from this area. Loft 2 is fully boarded out with no evidence of bat use, no bat access points and heavy spider webs.

The garage interior is vaulted and lined with bitumen felt. Very heavy cobwebs indicate a lack of bat activity. No bat evidence found.

The garden remains as it was in 2021.

The bees nest has been removed.

The visit concludes that there have been no changes on site, and no evidence of bat roosts.

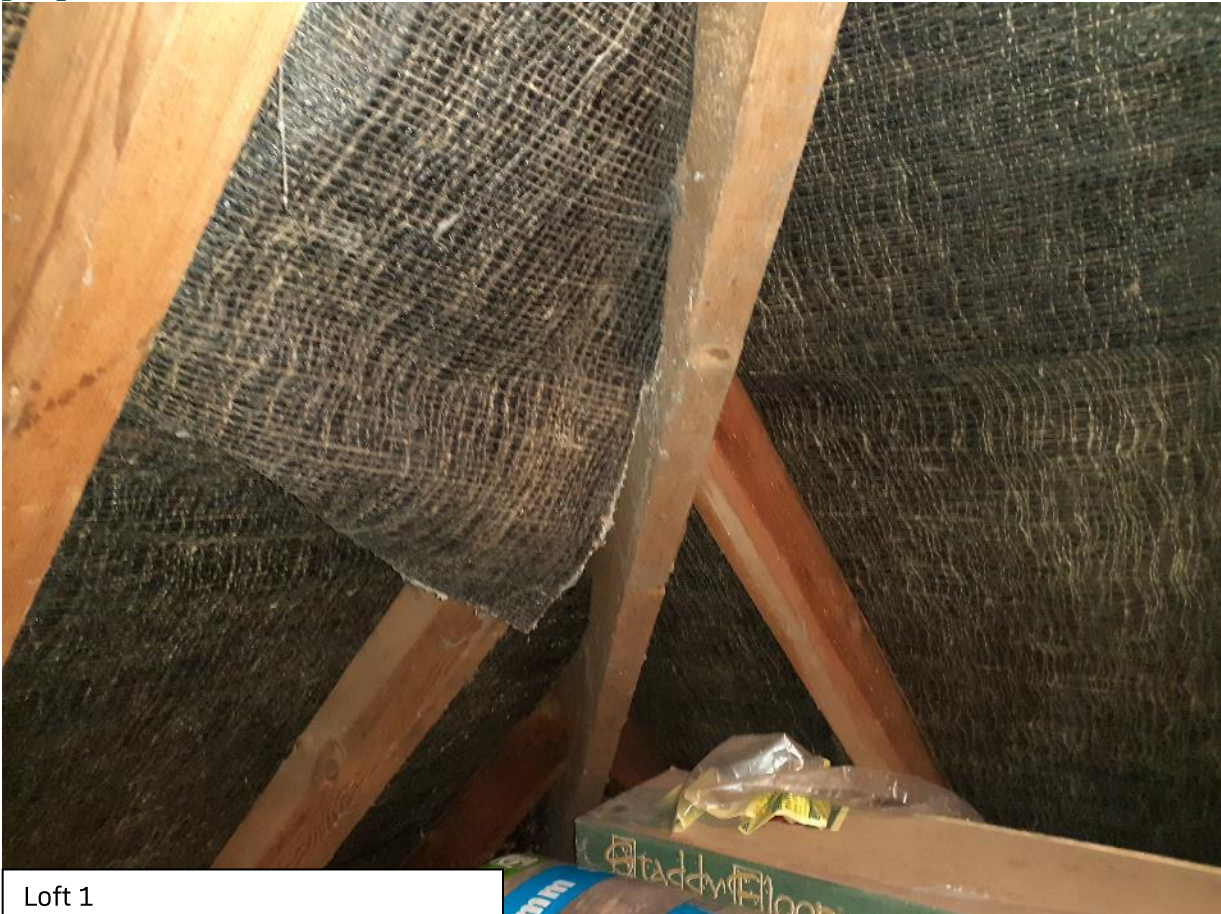
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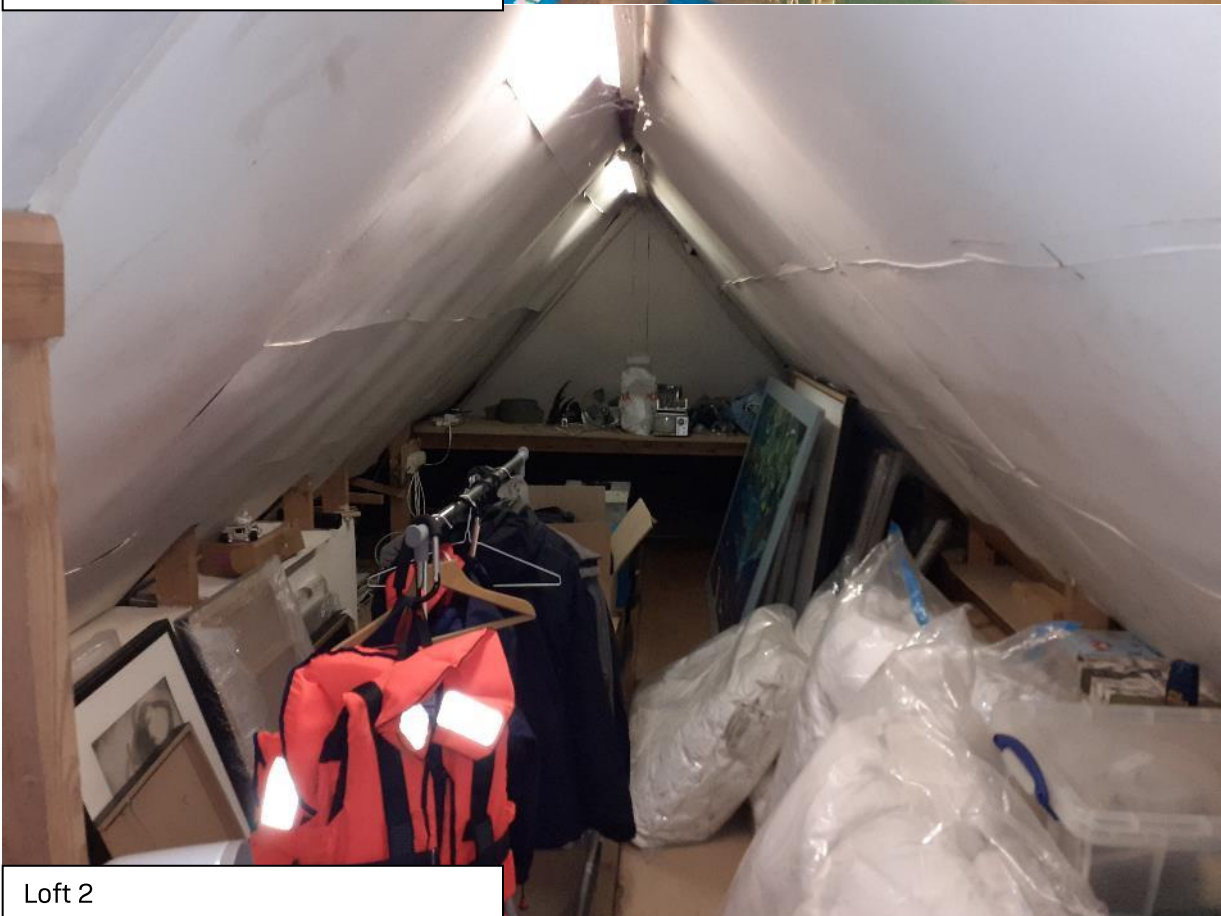
Loft 1



Loft 1



Loft 1



Loft 2



Northern and eastern elevations



Missing roof tile on eastern elevation



Gap under eaves on eastern elevation



Gap under eaves on eastern elevation



Southern elevation



Gap under eaves on western elevation



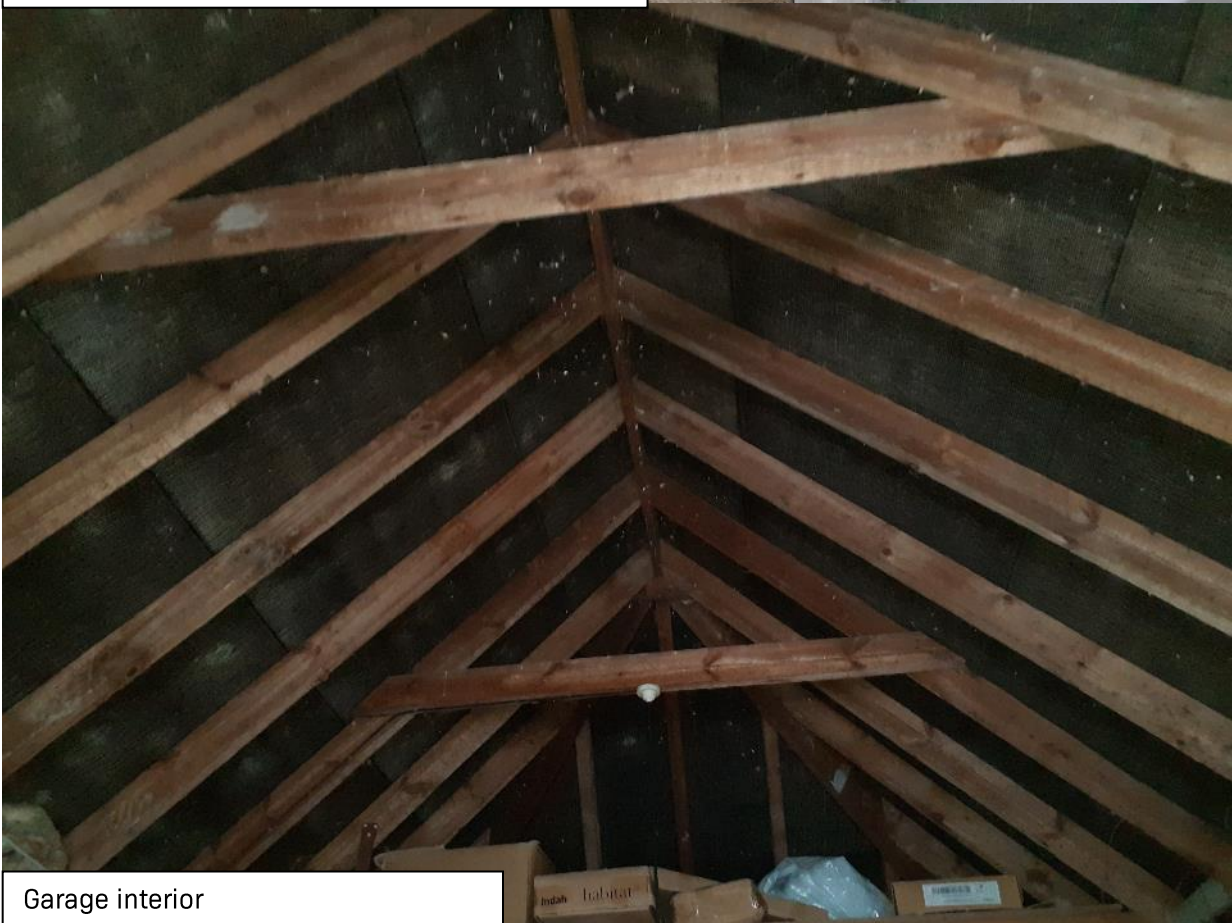
Western elevation



Garage



Gap under eaves where garage meets dwelling



Garage interior

Report ends.

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